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**memorandum**

TO: Director, Reference Information Center  
Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau

FROM: *DMA*  
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SUBJECT: *The Verizon Telephone Companies v. FCC and USA*, No. 03-1404. Filing of a  
Petition for Review in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of  
Columbia Circuit.

DATE: December 17, 2003

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This is to advise you that on November 10, 2003, the Verizon telephone companies filed a petition for review, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 402(a) and 28 U.S.C. 2344 of the following order: *Petition of Verizon for Forbearance from the Prohibition of Sharing Operating, Installation, and Maintenance Functions Under Section 53.203(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules*, CC Docket No. 96-149, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 03-271 (rel. Nov. 4, 2003).

The petitioners challenge the Commission's denial of its August 5, 2002 petition for forbearance from the prohibition of sharing operating, installing, and maintenance functions under Section 53.203(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules.

The Court has docketed this case as No. 03-1404. The attorney assigned to handle the litigation of this case is Rodger D. Citron.